length is available. It is therefore, not possible to indicate the date of completion at this point of time.

(b) As per indications received from the State PWD, the preliminary cost of the project is Rs. 30.00 crores.

Conversion of Rajpur-Bajlm, Jabalpur-Gondia, Ajmer-Khandwa and Gwalior Shivpuri Line to B.G.

1838. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to convert the Raipur to Rajim, Jabolpur to Gondia, Ajmer to Khandwa and Gwalior to Shivpuri metre/narrow gauge rail lines to B.G.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) At present, there is no proposal for conversion of Rajpur-Rajim, Jabalpur, Gondia and Ajmer-Khandwa N. G./M.G. lines into B. G.

Gwalior-Shivpuri N. G. line was removed some years back. Provision of B. G. line in this section forms part of approved Guna-Shivpuri-Gwalior-Etawah BG line project in progress.

New Railway Zone

1839. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision regarding the creation of a new (10th) zone in the railways; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) In view of severe constraint of resources it is not proposed to create any additional Railway Zones at present.

Misuse of medicines in the Central Government's Hospitals

1840. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that approximately 180 medicines in the hospitals run by the Central Government are issued only on the prescription slip countersigsed by the senior doctors to check their misuse;

(b) if so, whether this has resulted in any perceptible decrease in their misuse; and

(c) whether any curtailment in the number of such medicines is under the consideration of the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Only those medicines that are expensive and require careful use, are issued to the patients on the special slips countersigned by the senior doctors.

(b) Yes.

(c) There is constant review of the policy from time to time to add or to delete the list of drugs which require special slips.

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STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th February, 1987, to Starred Question 27, regarding Development of Airports by the I.A.A.I.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Sir, in the written reply given to parts (a) and (b) of the Starred Question No. 27 answered in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th February, 1987, the words and figures "Rs. 56.40 crores" may please be read as "Rs. 48.1 crores".

Sir, the above error in the reply was due to an oversight which is regretted.

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